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EMPLOYEE
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips, or similar events undertaken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make the second page of this form publicly available as soon as possible after it is filed.

Name of Traveler (print or type): John Laufer

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: John Laufer

DATE: 9/13/10

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on this form 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: Pedro Pierluisi

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: P. Pierluisi

DATE: 9/13/10

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1. Name of Traveler (print or type): _____
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): _____
 b. Relationship to Employee: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: August 14th - 22nd, 2010
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington D.C. - Skopje - Ohrid - Bitola - Ohrid - Skopje - Istanbul - Ankara - Istanbul - Edremit - Troy - Gallipoli - Edremit - Istanbul - Washington D.C.
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Turkish Coalition of America

6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): final itinerary enclosed

7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
- a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by the trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the employee; *and*
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):

b. If not, explain: _____

9. TRAVEL EXPENSES: *Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.*

| | Total Transportation Expenses | Total Lodging Expenses | Total Meal Expenses |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| For employee: | \$3,667.24 | \$1,728.98 | \$839.41 |
| For accompanying family member: | | | |
| | Other Expenses (dollar amount) | Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) | |
| For employee: | \$122.29 | historian fees, entrance fees | |
| For accompanying family member: | | | |

**TCA-Sponsored Congressional Staffer Trip to Turkey & Macedonia
August 14th-22nd, 2010**

Saturday, August 14th, 2010

5:40pm Depart from Dulles International Airport (IAD) on Austrian Airlines Flight 94

Sunday, August 15th, 2010

8:40am Arrive Vienna International (VIE) Airport

10:55am Depart from Vienna International Airport (VIE) on Austrian Airlines Flight 779

12:30pm Arrive Skopje Alexander the Great Airport (SKP)

1:00pm Check-in to Holiday Inn

1:30pm Luncheon briefing with representatives of NDI, Open Society Institute, and the U.S. Embassy on Macedonia's domestic affairs and foreign policy at Cactus Restaurant

4:00pm Meeting with U.S. Ambassador Philip T. Reeker at the U.S. Embassy

5:15pm Meeting with historian in Skopje at Kale Fortress, the grave of Goce Delchev, Stara Čaršija, Kuršumli An, and the Mother Teresa Memorial House

8:00pm TCA Dinner at St. Panteleimon Church restaurant with members of largest opposition party

Monday, August 16th, 2010

8:30am Breakfast briefing with Turkish DCM Pinar Gulunkayseri at the Holiday Inn (Millenium II Hall)

10:00am Meeting with Defense Minister Zoran Konjanovski at the Macedonian Army Hall

11:00am Meeting with Foreign Minister Antonio Miloshoski at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

12:00pm Board bus for Bitola

2:30pm Meeting with historian at Manastir Askerî İdadisi attended by Atatürk in 1890s (Former Bitola Military Academy, now the Institute and Museum of Bitola)

3:45pm Board bus for Ohrid – known as the “Jerusalem of the Balkans”

5:00pm Meeting with historian at St. Bogorodica Perivlepta, Tsar Samuil Fortress, Church of St. John Kaneo, and Ohrid Čaršija

6:00pm Reception hosted by His Excellency President Gjorge Ivanov at Hotel Inex Gorica (where the 2007 NATO conference was hosted)

7:30pm TCA Dinner at Dalga Restaurant on Lake Ohrid

11:30pm Depart for Skopje via bus

Tuesday, August 17th, 2010

6:15am Depart hotel for airport

7:45am Depart Skopje Alexander the Great Airport (SKP) on chartered aircraft

11:00am Arrive at Sabiha Gökçen Airport-Istanbul

12:15pm Luncheon meeting with Jewish community leaders

2:30pm Check-in to Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel

3:30pm Briefing with experts on Turkish domestic issues, public opinion, and foreign policy positions at the Ceylan Intercontinental (Citronelle Room)

- Cigdem Nas (Deputy Secretary General, IKV)
- Dr. Ahmet Han (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Istanbul University)

4:45pm Roundtable with business community representatives on U.S.-Turkey trade and investment opportunities at the Ceylan Intercontinental (Citronelle Room)

- Mehmet Sami (Board Member, ATA Invest)
- Kursat Ozkan (Regional Director, General Electric)
- Koray Arikan (Director, JP Morgan)
- Davut Okutcu (Board Member, TAIK)
- Serif Egeli (TAIK, Vice Chairman)

7:15pm Depart hotel for dinner

8:00pm Dinner with members of the press (off the record) at Sunset restaurant

- David Judson (Editor in Chief, Hurriyet Daily News)
- Sami Kohen (Columnist, Milliyet)
- Chris Torchia (Columnist, The Associated Press)
- Bacin Yinanc (Columnist, Hurriyet Daily News)

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

6:15am Depart hotel for airport
8:00am Depart from Istanbul Atatürk Airport (IST) on Turkish Airlines Flight 2108
9:05am Arrive at Ankara Esenboğa Airport (ESB)
10:30am Wreath laying ceremony at Atatürk's Mausoleum (Anıtkabir)
12:00pm Luncheon meeting with U.S. DCM Doug Silliman at the Sheraton Hotel (Freesia room)
2:00pm Meeting with Ambassador Selim Yenel, Undersecretary for U.S. Affairs, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
6:10pm Depart from Ankara Esenboğa Airport (ESB) on Turkish Airlines Flight 2139
7:30pm Arrive Istanbul Atatürk Airport (IST)
9:00pm Arrive Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel

Thursday, August 19, 2010

10:00am Briefing by President of TCA, Lincoln McCurdy, and Executive Director of the Turkish Cultural Foundation, Guler Koknar, at TCF
11:30am Lunch and cultural lecture at the Turkish Cultural Foundation (TCF) by Dr. Nurhan Atasoy
1:30pm Meeting with NGO representatives on Turkish domestic issues at TCF

- Kristin Biehl (Project Specialist, ACEV)
- Fuat Ozdogru (Istanbul Office Manager, UNHCR)

3:30pm Meeting with cultural expert at Istanbul Museum of Modern Art
7:15pm Depart from hotel for dinner
8:00pm Dinner and discussion with Turkish university officials, faculty members, and civil society representatives at Mavi Balik Restaurant

- Dr. Berrak Teymur (Professor, Istanbul Technical University)
- Malgorzata Szczepanska (Deputy General Coordinator, American Studies Center – Bahcesehir University)
- Anjaritta Rantanen (Director, International Office – Ozyegin University)
- Nevin Sanli (Founder, Sanli Pastore & Hill)
- Dr. Gunay Anlas (Rector, Bogazici University)
- Sevgi Ural (Consultant to Rector, Bogazici University)
- Win Dayton (Deputy Primary Officer, U.S. Consulate – Istanbul)
- Ziya Boyacigiller – (Director, Management Science Department - Sabanci University)

Friday, August 20, 2010

6:00am Depart hotel for airport
8:00am Depart from Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW) to Edremit Airport (EDO) on Bora Jet Flight 141
10:45am Meeting with historian at the ruins of Troy
12:30pm Board bus for Gallipoli
2:15pm Lunch
3:45pm Meeting with historian in Gallipoli & discussion of commencement of Turkey's ties with and affinity for the West
5:45pm Board bus to head back to Edremit Airport (EDO)
9:30pm Depart from Edremit Airport (EDO) on Bora Jet Flight 142
10:30pm Arrive Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW)

Bridge between Europe & Asia on the Dardanelles - Çanakkale:

The Turkish straits dividing Asia and Europe are comprised of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles. On the delegation's aerial descent to Çanakkale, a port town at the entrance of the Dardanelles, they will be provided with an

inimitable view of the Black Sea, Sea of Marmara, and Aegean Sea. This 17-mile long waterway supplies Western and Southern Europe with oil from the Caspian Sea Region. With 50,000 vessels, among them 5,000 oil tankers, passing through the straits annually the Dardanelles are one of the world's busiest chokepoints. Çanakkale province is the site of two of the most famous battles that shaped Western civilization, the Trojan War and the Gallipoli Campaign.

Saturday, August 21, 2010

- 8:45am Meet in lobby to board bus
- 9:30am Meeting with historian at the Spice Market
- 11:00am Lecture on a Mevlid Ceremony
- 11:45am Meeting with historian at the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia
- 1:00pm Luncheon discussion at Sarnıç restaurant (ancient Roman cistern)
- 2:30pm Meeting with historian at Topkapi Palace
- 3:30pm Meeting with historian at the Grand Bazaar
- 7:15pm Depart hotel for dinner
- 8:00pm TCA Farewell Dinner aboard m/y Berrak with NGO, business community representatives, and minority community representatives
 - Ozgul Erdemli Mutlu (Communications and Environmental Policies Department, TEMA)
 - Lale Platin (Board Member, CYDD)
 - Reverend Nephon Tsimalis (Greek Orthodox Patriarchate – Istanbul)
 - Mike Mustafoglu (Founder, TransGlobal Financial Corporation & de facto honorary representative of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus)
 - Demetra Mustafoglu (world-renowned opera singer of Greek-Cypriot descent)
 - Moshe Kamhi (Consul General of Israel – Istanbul)
 - Dr. Ahmet Han (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Istanbul University)
 - Dr. Ozlem Han (Professor, Middle East Technical University)
 - Teoman Onder (Representative, Chaldean/Assyrian Association)

Sunday, August 22, 2010

- 10:45am Meet in lobby to board bus to depart for airport
- 1:55pm Depart Istanbul Atatürk Airport (IST) on Lufthansa Flight LH3341
- 3:55pm Arrive at Frankfurt Airport (FR)
- 5:00pm Depart Frankfurt Airport (FRA) on Lufthansa Flight LH9252
- 7:38pm Arrive at Dulles International Airport (IAD)