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### FORMER BUSH NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR TO GIVE LECTURE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Despite assertions in 2006 that Iraq faced civil war and an unbeatable insurgency, the 2007 “surge” of U.S. troops in Iraq has led to a significant drop in violence across the country. As the Bush Administration draws to a close, can these gains be sustained? Will Iraq eventually be a stable, moderate democracy?

The Student Alliance for National Security (SANS) is proud to welcome President Bush’s former Deputy National Security Advisor, Meghan O’Sullivan, to Bloomington for a discussion on these issues on Tuesday, January 22. O’Sullivan, who served as the President’s chief advisor on Iraq and Afghanistan until late last year, will talk about her experiences in Baghdad and the White House, as well as her predictions for Iraq’s future. The lecture, entitled “Iraq: Understanding the Past and Anticipating the Future,” will take place at 6:30 pm in the Whittenberger Auditorium and is free and open to the public. The lecture will be off-the-record for the press.

Dr. Meghan L. O’Sullivan is currently a Fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. Until October 2007, Dr. O’Sullivan served as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan. At the request of President Bush, she spent four months in Baghdad last year working with the U.S. Embassy and Iraqi leaders to forge compromises on legislation important to national reconciliation.

Before being named Deputy National Security Advisor, Dr. O’Sullivan was the Senior Director for Strategic Planning for Southwest Asia at the National Security Council. Prior to joining the NSC, she served as the political advisor to the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority and Deputy Director for Governance in Baghdad from 2003-2004. In that position, Dr. O’Sullivan helped with the formation of the Interim Government of Iraq, among other things. She joined the Bush Administration in 2001 as an advisor in the State Department’s Office of Policy Planning.

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