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October 2017 Luncheon Meeting

Mimi's Café

10515 N. Mopac Expy Northbound, #O, Austin, TX 78758

11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Dr. Stephen B. Slick
Director, Intelligence Studies Project
LBJ School of Public Affairs
University of Texas, Austin

**"The Real Challenges for U.S. Intelligence:
Competence, Governance, and Legitimacy"**

October Menu

Hot or iced tea, coffee, hot chocolate, lemonade, soft drinks
Wines available at an extra charge; ask the server

Starters:

A – House salad or B – Caesar salad

Entrée:

A – Provençal Veggie Pasta (Linguine with zucchini, squash, eggplant, mushrooms, artichoke, onion, and tomato)

B – Chicken Parmesan

C – Meatloaf with mashed potatoes and broccoli

D – Beer-battered Fish & Chips

Dessert: Strawberry cheesecake parfait or chocolate custard petite parfait

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choices by noon on
Wednesday, October 4.

- By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246, or
- By e-mail to Joe McLean at TFSG.Texas@gmail.com, or
- By phone to 512-345-6878 or 512-797-0538

Lunch begins at noon. Members \$24, guests accompanied by members \$30. No new reservations after Wednesday, October 4. No-shows or cancellations after

this date will be billed for their lunch. AFSA and DACOR members, Foreign Service, US military, and other US and UN executives on home leave are welcome to attend one luncheon per year, except for the December luncheon, at the member price.

Driving directions to Mimi's Café are attached.

Checks made out to TFSG and mailed in advance is our preferred payment method (P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246). Please include: menu choices, your name, and a phone number or email address so we can confirm your reservation. All reservations are confirmed, so if you do not get a confirmation, please contact us.

Memberships are \$30 per person for three years or \$12 per person per year. Three-year memberships for persons who live more than 50 miles from Austin or are over 90 years of age are \$20 for one person and a spouse/partner/friend living at the same address. Memberships make excellent gifts for people who have spent years overseas and their family members.

To check if your dues are up-to-date, email Joe McLean at jmclean@computermoms.com

About Our Speaker

Stephen B. Slick is the inaugural Director of the Intelligence Studies project at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. He retired in 2014 after 28 years as a member of CIA's clandestine service.

Between 2005 and 2009, Steve served as a special assistant to the president and the Senior Director for Intelligence Programs and Reform on the staff of the National Security Council. He was previously the Director for Intelligence Programs at the NSC. While serving at the White House, Steve participated in efforts to restructure and reform the intelligence community informed by recommendations of the commissions charged with investigating the 9/11 attacks and the flawed pre-war analysis of Iraq's unconventional weapons programs. These efforts included a series of executive orders on U.S. intelligence issues in August 2004, key provisions in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, the administration's responses to recommendations by the "WMD Commission," and significant amendments to Executive Order 12333 that were approved by President George W. Bush in 2008.

Steve completed five overseas tours as a CIA operations officer and manager, including service from 2009 to 2013 as the chief of station and director of national intelligence's representative in a Middle Eastern capital. His assignments at CIA Headquarters included service as an executive assistant to the deputy director of central intelligence and leading CIA's operations in the Balkans. Steve received CIA's Medal of Merit, Commendation Medal, and other awards.

Prior to joining CIA, Steve was a litigation associate at the law firm of Rawle and Henderson in Philadelphia. Steve received a B.A. from the Pennsylvania State University, J.D. from the UCLA School of Law, and Master in Public Policy from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

2017 Events of Interest

Tuesday, October 3

National Night Out. TFSG joined with the Austin Police Department to participate in National Night Out a few years ago, and we probably attracted more visitors to our NNO table than 80% of the other groups who signed up. This year we will have a large world map indicating cities with a U.S. embassy or consulate, and we will give away our "travel safe" cards and lucky prizes.

There is an NNO meeting/kickoff event on Saturday, September 30, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Reagan High School, 7100 Berkman Drive. Block associations are invited to come see the various groups who could attend their NNO block parties on October 3.

TFSG needs a few volunteers for September 30 and October 3.

Tuesday, December 12

TFSG "members only" luncheon, with the funniest TV and cinema ads of 2017. Please ask your friends overseas to submit clips of ads or commercials to Jane Dunham.

Information of Interest

Few Americans know that when an American gets in trouble outside the USA, he/she should call the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate. TFSG has cards to distribute with phone numbers for when in trouble overseas and the S-O-S symbol for use everywhere.

Austin is home to several groups who bring in experts on various aspects of national and international affairs, and some of their upcoming major speakers/events are listed on their websites. Please share this list with your friends.

Clements Center events (University of Texas at Austin)

<https://www.clementscenter.org/>

Strauss Center events (University of Texas at Austin)

<https://www.strausscenter.org/>

Kozmetsky Center events (St. Edward's University)

<https://www.stedwards.edu/kozmetzky-center>

LBJ Presidential Library events
<http://www.lbjlibrary.org/events/all>

GlobalAustin events
www.globalaustin.org/events

TFSG Information

Luncheons are on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months except August. The December luncheon is the annual members-only Fun Festival Luncheon.

Members are encouraged to invite guests to any of our first four luncheons of the year. There are always door prizes such as chocolates, coupons for free meals, lottery tickets, and prizes tied to special days such as Valentine's Day.

Our group depends on great volunteers. Please talk to Doris, Joe, Jerry, or John if you have ideas for our group and/or would like to volunteer. We need members who can arrive early to help us set up, others who can help us take down, and others who can store our electronics and supplies in between luncheons.

Our speakers send us suggestions for the bibliographies we prepare to accompany their speech. The Foreign Service Journal and Barnes & Noble at the Arboretum in Austin each provide a page. We post the bibliographies on our website, <http://www.tfsg.org/Bibliographies.html>, and mail copies to members with U.S. addresses but without access to email. The website contains all past bibliographies and an interesting "Links" page. We encourage members to share our website with family and friends. The website also lists publications, writings, and speeches by past speakers and present TFSG members. We review the website annually for needed additions or deletions, and suggestions are always welcomed. Send corrections for any page on the website to John at jsw69intadv@hotmail.com.

We like to list published books, articles, essays, movies, and other works in the Members section of the Publications page on our website. AFSA likes to publish articles, letters to the editor, and books by TFSG members. AFSA always has one question, "Is the author or subject a TFSG member or a member of a TFSG family?"

If you have spoken at one of our meetings, we would like to list your published works in the Speakers section of our website.

Doris Scott appreciates receiving autobiographies, photos, member updates, and notices of members' activities and deaths. Updates for our Activities and Memorial books are also appreciated.

If you have had a change in your street or mailing address, internet address, phone number, or outside-your-home emergency contact, please send this

information to Doris Scott at dscott007@austin.rr.com. (Note: We do not share, loan, rent, or sell this information to anyone.)

Some of our members do not have access to the internet. We are not sure we have a complete list of these members. If you know of members who do not use the internet, please give them a copy of this October announcement and tell them we will be happy to mail copies to them in the future. Send their names, phone numbers, and mailing address to Joe.

If you receive State magazine, which is sent only to State staff and retirees, and do not keep back issues, please bring them to our luncheons for others to enjoy. The Foreign Service Journal is sent to AFSA members, but non-AFSA members can subscribe to it or find it on the web.

Our membership fees are modest and our membership numbers are important. Please talk to your friends who have spent time outside of the USA and invite them to one of our luncheons – and then to join TFSG.

Most of our luncheons cost about \$200 more than the luncheon fees bring in. We do not solicit donations but neither do we refuse them.

TFSG has a 90" diagonal screen for use at our luncheons, and it is also available for rental by other nonprofits for \$40 with a refundable deposit of \$300.

While at the Dell Seton Medical Center recently, I was reading a list of upcoming musicals and was approached by a chaplain. He pleasantly asked why I was there and what did I do or used to do. I said I had come for an x ray and was a retired American diplomat. The chaplain said "Thank you for your service to our nation. All the programs are free and you are welcome to come in any time." There is a parking fee at Dell Seton but the short musicals are free and the restaurant looks to be worth investigating.

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