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As a specialist with the Congressional Research Service, Dr. Katzman serves as a senior Middle East analyst for the U.S. Congress, with special emphasis on Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf states, and terrorist groups operating in the Middle East and South Asia. He provides reports and briefings to Members of Congress and their staffs on U.S. policy on these countries and issues, and provides analysis of related legislative proposals. He has visited both Iraq and Afghanistan on several occasions since 2004, and has followed all the countries he covers since the mid 1980s. He also has written numerous articles in various outside publications, including a book entitled "The Warriors of Islam: Iran's Revolutionary Guard," and given many official presentations and briefings at conferences and in bilateral meetings throughout Europe, Asia, and the Islamic world. During 1996 and again during July 2001 - March 2002, he was assigned to the majority staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to work on Middle East issues, including hearings and legislation.

Among other major publications, during 1998, he wrote expert working papers on the ballistic missile capabilities of Iran and Iraq for the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States ("Rumsfeld Commission"). In late 1999, the Atlantic Council published his study, "U.S.-Iran Relations: An Analytic Compendium of U.S. Policies, Laws, and Regulations." Dr. Katzman is quoted frequently on the Persian Gulf in the U.S. press and he appears frequently on Middle Eastern news stations including Alam TV (Iran), Press TV (Iran), Al Hurra, Al Arabiyya, Al Jazeera, LBC, and Al Akhbariya. During 2004, he was a consultant to CBS News on Al Qaeda and related Islamic extremist groups, and he continues to participate in outside projects on a consulting basis.

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy, Political Science. New York University, 1991.
Dissertation entitled "Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps: Radical Ideology Despite Institutionalization in the Islamic Republic.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (May 1985-June 1989). Prepared written reports for U.S. Middle East policymakers on leadership dynamics in Iran, Iraq, and the Persian Gulf states. Analysis was often provided in the form of briefings for senior U.S. officials. Two years in the private defense consulting industry followed his tour at the CIA.