February 7, 2012

**Bing West** is an award-winning author, a former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs under Ronald Reagan, and a combat Marine infantryman in Vietnam. He is an analyst for the Rand Corporation and has made many trips to Iraq and Afghanistan, often going on patrol with the troops. He has been called the Thucydides of counter-insurgency.

March 6, 2012

**Dr. Susan Kaufman Purcell** is the Director of the Center for Hemispheric Policy at the University of Miami. She is a recognized expert on Latin America and has served as Vice President of the Council of the Americas, a non-profit organization of Fortune 500 companies with investments in Latin America, as well as Vice President of the Americas Society. She was also a Senior Fellow and Director of the Latin America Program at the Council on Foreign Relations and was a member of the U.S. Department of State’s Policy Planning Staff under Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

May 8, 2012

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October 4, 2011

**Adam Segal is the Ira A. Lipman** Senior Fellow for Counterterrorism and National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is an expert in technology and development in China and India; East Asian security; Chinese domestic and foreign policy; and cyberconflict and cybersecurity. He has served as an arms control analyst and a visiting professor at MIT. His latest book is *Advantage: How American Innovation Can Overcome the Asian Challenge*.

November 8, 2011

**Peter C. Evans** is Director of Global Strategy and Planning, GE Energy Infrastructure, which is responsible for tracking and analyzing policy trends around the world and the related implications for GE Energy’s long-term strategy. He oversees the Carbon, Fuels and Policy Centers of Excellence as well as scenario planning projects for the business. Dr. Evans has extensive international energy experience, including Director of Global Oil and two years as a Visiting Scholar at the Central Research Institute for the Electric Power Industry in Tokyo, Japan.

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