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Should the United States and other nations offer Iran high-tech reactors and other state-of-the-art equipment?

First, a couple comments about last Tuesday’s editorial titled: Should the confederate flag be removed from the South Carolina state capitol grounds? Rob wrote, “Seems pretty presumptuous of you. If the people of South Carolina want the confederate flag to fly over their capitol, who are you to say otherwise?  I don't know what law you are referring to that requires the U.S. flag to be the highest, but title 36 actually requires flags of other nations to be flown at the same height as the U.S. flag. Flags of states, cities, or localities are allowed to be flown at the same height as the U.S. flag as provided they are not to the right of the U.S. flag when displayed together.” Thank for your comment. First, the reference you are citing concerns flags of other nations. There is no nation officially recognized by the confederate flag. Here’s the rule: When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States. Another rule states: The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs. Both rules apply to a display as I described in the editorial. If you look at any properly installed flag pole system, you’ll find the U.S. flag on the highest pole, surrounded by flags of states or other agencies on lower poles. Since there is no country symbolized by the confederate flag, then legally it does not have stature to fly at the same height as the stars and stripes. But I also want to mention I do agree with you that the people of South Carolina can and should make the decision. I would not support any type infringement of the private rights of people to display the flag at their homes or vehicles or whatever.

My only point is maybe the government should only be concerned about flying official flags of the U.S., county, cities etc.

Now on to today’s editorial topic: Should the United States and other nations offer Iran high-tech reactors and other state-of-the-art equipment? Here is today’s news concerning negotiations between the United States and Iran over the nuke program: The A.P. is reporting the United States and other nations negotiating a nuclear deal with Iran are ready to offer high-tech reactors and other state-of-the-art equipment to Tehran if it agrees to crimp programs that can make atomic arms, according to a confidential document obtained Tuesday by the associated press. With the deadline looming, Iran’s top leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Tuesday rejected a long-term freeze on nuclear research and supported banning international inspectors from accessing military sites. Khamenei, in comments broadcast on Iranian state television, also said Iran will sign a final deal provided all economic sanctions now on Iran are first lifted. In a sign the Islamic Republic may be toughening its stance ahead of the deadline. The 8-page draft also promises "arrangements for the assured supply and removal of nuclear fuel for each reactor provided," and offers help in the "construction and effective operation" of the reactors and related hardware. In addition, it firms up earlier tentative agreement on what to do with the underground site of fordo, saying it will be used for isotope production instead of uranium enrichment. Washington and its allies had long insisted that the facility be repurposed away from enrichment because fordo is dug deep into a mountain and thought resistant to air strikes, an option neither the U.S. nor Israel has ruled out should talks fail.

Because isotope production uses the same technology as enrichment and can be quickly reengineered to enriching uranium, the compromise has been criticized by congressional opponents of the deal.

Let’s summarize this proposal. We are offering to give Iran our latest state of the art technology for uranium production, and even offering to help them build the facilities. But they are still saying they will not let inspectors into their facilities and military bases to inspect for weapons development. And we all know we can trust Iran….right? So, we give them all our latest technology and even help them build the facilities, and we get their promise to not do weapons development anywhere else in the country. Are you kidding me? Does this sound logical to anyone? How about we just hand over our missile technology and get it over with? Heck, just give them the weapons. Oh yeah, don’t forget, they also want all sanctions lifted, before they have to do anything covered under the agreement. This is lunacy. What sane person would hand over our latest nuclear technology to a country that is sponsoring terrorism through the world, vows to wipe Israel off the map, and supports eventually crushing the western world. Does this sound logical to anyone? I’m sure there will be a huge spin machine to promote this one. I’m almost speechless as to how stupid this agreement would be. I bet the Israelis are going crazy with the prospect of us giving Iran our latest technology, not to mention, Russia and China, probably through North Korea would then give Iran all the missile technology they need to deliver the weapons. That’s why Iran won’t permit inspections because while we are in one part of the country helping them build state of the art nuclear facilities for peaceful use, they’ll be in another part of their country building the weapons for nuclear arms. And oh by the way, these peaceful use facilities could easily be converted into weapons use. All they would have to do is just kick us out of the country and then again they could do whatever they want using our latest technology. Oh but wait, we could also impose new sanctions. What an insane joke. This administration must really think we are stupid. This is nothing more than another delay to get what they want. There is no way we would agree to these terms. Or could our president really be considering these terms????

In conclusion, I have three no, no, no’s.

No state of the art technology transfer. No help building facilities. No lifting of sanctions until they agree to full and open inspections of all facilities. The inspections have actually started, and a determination has been made there are no weapons being developed.

I’m Tom Wiknich, and that’s what I think. I’d like to know what you think. If you have any comments about this editorial, or would like to discuss or recommend a topic, I’d like to hear from you. Please email them to info@kzgn.net.