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Jan. 1, 2014: Anti-Israel Lobby Teams up with NIAC to oppose Iran sanctions. Anti-Israel conservatives, including the National Interest, are making common cause with NIAC and the Obama White House to oppose the latest Iran sanctions legislation being pitched by a bi-partisan group of U.S. Senators led by Democrats Menendez (NJ) and Chuck Schumer (NY), and Republican Mark Kirk of Illinois. They argue that the latest sanctions are being driven by the pro-Israel lobby and have essentially “out-sourced” America’s decisions of war or peace to Israel.

While this is a meretricious argument on its face, it reveals the panic that has gripped the pro-Tehran lobby over the new sanctions legislation.

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Dec. 27, 2013: Zarrab family granted Turkish citizenship. In the deepening corruption scandal enveloping the government of Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan, Iranian businessman Reza Zarrab has reportedly succeeded in acquiring Turkish citizenship "on exceptional grounds" for his immediate family. "Applicants can acquire Turkish citizenship on exceptional grounds after getting a nomination from the Interior Ministry and a decree from the Cabinet," according to Today's Zaman, a Turkish news site.

Dec. 25, 2013: Turkey Corruption Scandal Hits Iran. The corruption scandal that has caused three government ministers to resign and threatens to ensnare Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan began when police investigators alleged that Iranian businessman Reza Zarrab had bribed public figures in Turkey. “Zarrab exports gold and I know he is involved in charity activities as well,” Erdogan told a rally in Istanbul, in an attempt to dismiss the growing scandal. *Read more....*

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