Claudia Rosett

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Claudia Rosett is widely recognized as a ground-breaking reporter. Her investigative reporting skills, drawn from more than three decades as a journalist and editor writing on international affairs, led her to expose the U.N. Oil-for-Food scandal, the worst financial fraud in the history of humanitarian relief. Due in substantial part to her investigation, the U.S. House and Senate launched inquiries into the program. Ms. Rosett has appeared before six U.S. House and Senate Committees and Subcommittees to testify on U.N.-related corruption. Her work on Oil-for-Food earned Claudia the 2005 Eric Breindel Award and the Mightier Pen award.

Currently based in Washington, DC, Ms. Rosett has reported from Asia, the former Soviet Union, Latin America and the Middle East.

She writes a column on foreign policy for Forbes.com; has contributed to a wide range of publications, including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer, USA Today, Commentary, The New Republic and The Weekly Standard; and makes frequent guest appearances on TV and radio.

From 1984-2002, Ms. Rosett was a staff writer for The Wall Street Journal, serving as a member of the Journal's editorial board in New York (1997-2002); as a reporter and then bureau chief of The Wall Street Journal's Moscow bureau, covering the former Soviet Union (1993-1996); and as editorial-page editor of The Asian Wall Street Journal (1986-1993), covering Asia, based in Hong Kong. She worked as editor of the Journal's daily Bookshelf column, based in New York (1984-1986), and reported free-lance from Chile (1981-1982).

In recent years she has reported from places as diverse as Lebanon, Cyprus, and China, and written on issues involving North Korea and Iran, the United Nations, foreign dissidents, and tyrants who in various ways threaten the democratic world. Her blog, The Rosett Report, appears on Pajamas Media.

For her on-site coverage of China's 1989 Tiananmen Square uprising, Ms. Rosett won an Overseas Press Club Citation for Excellence. Her work has included editorializing about global crises in emerging markets in the late 1990s; on-the-scene reporting of the 1994-1996 war in Chechnya, and the 1992 collapse of the Soviet-installed regime in Kabul. In 1994 she broke the full story of North Korean labor camps in the Russian Far East, reporting from the camps.

Ms. Rosett holds a B.A. from Yale University (1976), an M.A. in English Literature from Columbia University (1979) and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (1981).

