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Concerns Continue over Iran's Prior Nuclear Work

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the largest pro-Israel lobby in Washington, issued a rare statement on Wednesday raising concern with recent remarks made by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on a key U.S. position in nuclear talks with Iran, reports The Jerusalem Post. Via teleconference on Tuesday, Kerry said, "We're not fixated on Iran specifically accounting for what they did at one point in time or another. We know what they did. We have no doubt. What we're concerned about is going forward." The response to his comments has been swift, prompting the secretary's new spokesman, John Kirby, to open his first briefing with an attempt to "put a fork" in the notion that the U.S. was conceding on a key negotiating position. "The [International Atomic Energy Agency]'s concerns about possible military dimensions, past and present, have to be resolved before there is a deal," Kirby told the press, charging that it is "absolutely, completely false" that the U.S. has shifted on the matter.