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**DR. ROBERT LAWRENCE KUHN, “CHINA VISION 2035: IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS”**

**Dr. Robert Lawrence Kuhn** is an international corporate strategist and investment banker, renown China expert, and public intellectual. He was awarded the “China Reform Friendship Medal” by President Xi Jinping on the 40th anniversary of China’s historic reform and opening up (2018). The medal honors 10 foreigners who contributed to China; five are living; Dr. Kuhn is one of two Americans. He works with world-class multinational corporations, CEOs and C-Suite, on China strategies.  For 30 years, Dr. Kuhn has worked with China’s leaders and advised the Chinese government. He is a commentator on CNN, BBC, CCTV, CNBC, Bloomberg, Fox Business, and a columnist in *South China Morning Post* and *China Daily*. He is the author of over 30 books, including *How China’s Leaders Think* (featuring President Xi Jinping) and *The Man Who Changed China: The Life and Legacy of Jiang Zemin* (China’s best-selling book of 2005). As an investment banker, Dr. Kuhn worked on public market acquisitions (including hostiles) and advised Japanese companies. He was president/co-owner of the largest middle-market M&A firm in the U.S.; sold to Citigroup (2001), after which he was Senior Advisor to Citigroup. Dr. Kuhn is chairman of The Kuhn Foundation; and creator/host of *Closer To Truth*, the long-running PBS / public TV series on science and philosophy. He has a Ph.D. in anatomy/brain research (UCLA) and an MBA (MIT).

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Damon,

**Thank you for bringing Dr. Kuhn to today’s meeting – brilliant. One of the best presentations I have heard.**

 Donald

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