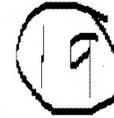




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ACTION MEMO

November 18, 2003

FOR: ~~THE ADMINISTRATOR~~

FROM: (b)(6) Acting Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Transportation

SUBJECT: Hajj Flights Risk Assessment

**Background.** The CPA Executive Secretary tasked the Ministry of Transportation to prepare an assessment of Iraqi airports that could be used for limited Hajj 2004 charter flights, starting in late December 2003 through mid-January 2004, including recommendations on which are the most suitable, taking into account technical, logistic, political and security considerations. The following information responds to this request.

**Security Assessments for Hajj Flights for Iraqi Airports**

- **Baghdad International Airport (BIAP).** If security was not an issue, then Baghdad International would be the best airport to conduct Hajj flights. It is central to the densest population in Iraq, and it has the passenger terminals that can handle the most passenger traffic. Security remains an issue, however, and we must consider that for the foreseeable future, the CPA and military will be cautious about bringing large commercial aviation carriers into BIAP. Some argue that once the decision is made on the Hajj flights, the insurgents will go to wherever we decide to set up the service. Others argue that the insurgents would not try to disrupt the pilgrims and keep them from fulfilling one of the Pillars of Islam. This being said, we should make sure that we effectively balance the security concerns with the other considerations.
- **Basrah Airport.** The best airport for the Hajj, in the estimation of the MoT, is Basrah International Airport. Basrah has the surrounding terrain that enables reasonable security, and MoT and the UK military are so confident in the safety at Basrah that we allow wide-body jets to carry troops and passengers in and out of Basrah. Basrah has the terminal facilities that can support such a task, and the runway can support large aircraft. It is the most readily accessible airport in southern Iraq that can handle wide-body jets, and there is an existing plan on how passengers are to be handled.
- **Kirkuk and Mosul Airports.** In northern Iraq, there are two airports, Kirkuk and Mosul, that can technically handle larger aircraft (they currently handle C-17 and IL-76 aircraft). One consideration is that they are located within close proximity to urban areas, and insurgents may be able to launch attacks from those areas more easily than they can from desert areas. CJTF-7 and CENTAF may have other issues regarding troop rotations and other logistical matters.
- **Qayyarah West Airport.** One airport that is in northern Iraq and is located in a remote location is Qayyarah West. Currently, the Ministry of Transportation knows little about this outpost, and would have to be given an evaluation from the military. MoT knows

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that AN-12s and AN-72s takeoff and land there, but these aircraft are short takeoff and landing aircraft, so that leads us to believe that the airfield is limited to smaller aircraft.

**Further Time for Coordination is Required.**

- **Iraqis Preparing Their Own Plan for Hajj Flights.** The Ministry of Transportation (MoT) has tasked the DG of Iraqi Airways to come up with a plan for the Hajj that includes proposed airports, aircraft, security of the passengers to the airports, certification of aircrews, country clearances, etc. The suspense for this plan is 8 December 2003. The idea was to put the entire planning effort in the hands of the Iraqis, so that the success or failure of the project is entirely in their hands. The Iraqi Airways DG has already been advised to keep BIAP out of the plan because of security concerns, and he wholeheartedly agreed. The Iraqis are anxious to get this plan going, and from the assessment of the Ministry of Transportation, they are capable. The Ministry of Transportation's plan is to help facilitate the plans that the Iraqis put together. This will, of course, include coordinating with the military, and other ministries.
- **CJTF-7 Requires a Formal Tasking to Respond.** CJTF-7 representatives have stated that they require a formal Request For Information (RFI) to provide coordinated input. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Ministry of Transportation submitted an Action Memo for the Administrator's approval tasking CJTF-7 to provide this input. Once provided, the Ministry of Transportation's assessment can be reviewed if necessary.
- **CPA Ministry of Interior Requires Additional Time for Coordination.** Mr. Edward Burley, the CPA Ministry of Interior point of contact for this matter, is currently out of town. His input will be provided separately upon his return.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Ministry of Transportation suggests that we give the Iraqis a chance to come up with their plan (due December 8<sup>th</sup>). The Iraqis have organized Hajj flights every year for the last 50 years. The additional time would also allow CJTF-7 and the Ministry of Interior to provide their input.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve with modification: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

COORDINATION: CJTF-7, C3 Air, Colonel (b)(6)  
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 TAGS: AMGT, APER, ASEC, HR, IZ  
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 HAVE CLEARED THE PROPOSAL, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE  
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 STAFF THE DS CONTINGENT IN BAGHDAD, I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM  
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*Approved by LPB  
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**Information Memorandum**

October 15, 2003

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TO: Ambassador Francis X. Taylor

FROM: DSS (b)(6)

SUBJECT: DS Presence in Iraq

The Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq (CPA) and CentCom have agreed that DS should establish a presence in Iraq, under the auspices of the CPA. DS/IP representatives (b)(6) have met with DOD, DOS and CPA officials at CentCom and in Baghdad, and agree that DS should provide support to further both U.S. national security policy goals and DOS operational security goals in Iraq.

**Background**

In response to concerns of a security nature expressed by DOS employees operating in Iraq and to a request from CPA Chief of Staff Ambassador Pat Kennedy, DS/IP representatives traveled to CentCom to discuss the DOD/DOS Memorandum of Agreement on Force Protection in Iraq and to Baghdad to review the security situation of DOS employees. After extensive meetings with DOS employees, other agencies and Ambassador Kennedy, DS/IP recommends that DS immediately establish a presence in Iraq.

**Centcom**

Discussions between CentCom and DS/IP representatives on 9/30/03 resulted in concurrence from both parties that DS should establish a presence under CPA in Iraq.

**Findings**

1. CentCom acknowledged its responsibility for security of CPA, including DOS, employees in Iraq. Operating through the CJTF-7 in support of CPA, CentCom has initiated security practices that comply with the intent of the DOD/DOS Memorandum of Agreement.
2. Locating a DS component within CPA would provide substantial increased protection of DOS employees assigned to CPA.

**Baghdad**

DS/IP representatives (b)(6) traveled to Baghdad via Kuwait on 10/8/03. In Kuwait, the team held discussions with (b)(6) and (b)(6). In Baghdad, the team met with Ambassador Pat Kennedy, DS Special Agent (b)(6), DOS detailees to CPA (b)(6), (b)(6), (b)(6), DOD authorities Col. (b)(6) and (b)(6) and other agency officials. Those interviewed in Baghdad expressed unanimous support for a DS presence in Iraq to address two goals:

- Provide physical and protective operations oversight, guidance and instruction and assist the CPA in its effort to establish a secure environment for the new Iraqi government.
- Provide the leadership, direction and oversight of a comprehensive coordinated CPA physical and personnel security program, integrating the diverse military and other government agencies' capabilities.

## **Findings**

### **Kuwait**

1. CPA, working through contractor Kellogg, Brown and Root (KBR), provides some screening and coordination to CPA employees in Kuwait, prior to their departure for Baghdad. Services include airport assistance, medical services and limited force protection briefings. Many DOS employees claim not to have received these briefings or to have found them irrelevant to the actual security situation in Iraq.
2. Embassy Kuwait cannot provide additional support to CPA without acquiring substantial manpower, office space and resources (vehicles and communications equipment).

### **Baghdad:**

1. CPA is under DOD/OSD authority. CentCom is a supporting element of CPA. (Attachment B). All DOS employees assigned to Baghdad are detailed to CPA, and seconded to DOD. Responsibility for force protection belongs to CJTF-7; implementation for force protection currently is coordinated through the Regional Coordination Office (RCO) and the Regional Security Coordination Center (RSCC).
2. Iraq is a phase three military environment, according to military authorities there. The security environment in Baghdad and throughout Iraq is characterized by low-intensity armed conflict, including assassinations, vehicle bombs, rocket attacks and sniper attacks. Large scale demonstrations with strong potential for violence occur daily throughout the country.
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5. CJTF 7 provides protective security to DOS personnel, mostly through motorcade support. In reality, DOS personnel rarely use the CJTF7 motorcades because they perceive themselves to be at increased risk. Instead, they hire private Iraqi drivers (not vetted) and travel throughout Baghdad and Iraq in non-secure transportation with limited means of communication.
6. Other government agencies are establishing large presences in Iraq. Those who develop threat information advised that they receive information on an hourly basis; however, no mechanism exists to facilitate the analysis and implementation of a response to information pertinent to CPA operations.
7. Subsequent to the bombing of the Baghdad UN headquarters and the assassination of one member of the Governing Council, CPA began an ambitious program to safeguard all council members, ministers and ministries. Special assets of the military conducted 45 comprehensive vulnerability surveys of ministry buildings and municipal offices. At the same time, contracts were let with over 10 international private security firms to provide personal protection to council members. In the rush to provide these services, little attention was paid to the skill sets necessary to perform; this has resulted in uneven levels of protection. Recognizing the importance of safeguarding all ministries and Council members, the CPA has embarked on an ambitious training program whose goal is to produce 1500 protective agents in the next year. Even with the vulnerability surveys in hand, there is a total lack of expertise within the CPA or Iraqi council that can transform the findings into action.
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9. It is anticipated that up to 12 additional governance positions will be established in the three regional sectors outside of Baghdad on/about January 2004. Each of these sectors will replicate essential CPA operations within their region, necessitating a coordinating security representative.

#### 4. Deployment Schedule

FP-01: Assigned/detailed by 11/15/03 (TDY coverage during interim)

FP-02 and FP-03 Protection Security Managers and Physical Security Specialists:  
Assigned/detailed by 11/15/03

MSD Security Operations: Six officers TDY by 10/30/03

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Office Management Specialist: Assigned/detailed by 11/30/03

FP-03 Logistician: Assigned/detailed by 11/30/03

FP-01 Special Baghdad Coordinator: Assigned to IP/NEA by 11/30/03

#### Assumptions

1. All positions will be detailed to the CPA. As CPA falls under the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), all support requirements will be the responsibility of CPA.
2. With the exception of the MSD positions, all personnel will be assigned for one year.
3. The staffing plan described above addresses current CPA needs and is subject to change if those needs increase. CPA anticipates that their operations will cease on/about November 2004 at which time the security functions described above may/will be modified and assumed under Embassy Baghdad.

**Attachments:**

A – Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Defense and the Department of State Regarding Details of Employees for Iraq Post-War Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance signed 3/14/03

B – Memorandum for Coalition Provisional Authority Commander, US Central Command dated August 11, 2003

C – CJTF-7 Mission Statement

D – RCO and RSCC Mission Statements

E – Proposed Organizational Chart for RSCO Baghdad

Cleared: DS/IP - (b)(6)

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The underlying issue is our vision of how the responsibility for security will be transferred from the CJTF to proper Iraqi authorities and the role of CPA and CMATT as these transitions advance. CMATT envisions creating a Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) as the top echelon of command of the New Iraqi Army forces, to be joined with a future ministry as a single institution, similar to the British system. We envision the JFHQ as becoming the headquarters of the Iraqi component of the coalition command, directing the actions of all Iraqi armed forces under direction of the coalition commander, while the CPA provides the National Command Authority resources and policy inputs to enable the forces to execute their missions. This configuration directly supports transition. As the CJTF and its' MSCs continue to draw down, NIA units, augmented by ICDC, assume the MSCs' mission. Although it will not be easy to execute, this approach leads more directly to Iraqi control of Iraqi forces, to Iraqi responsibility for the overall

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security situation and to coordination between the military and civil chains of authority as governance advances.

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There were large demonstrations in the al-Hindiya municipality last night in which one person was killed by local police. Demonstrations persisted in the area this morning and a delegation came to the Governorate building this morning where we held an emergency meeting with the deputy and assistant Governors (Sa'd Safouk Al-Ma'oudi and Abd al-Aziz al-Nasrawi respectively), the Chief (Qa'im Maqam) of the al-Hindiya municipality and other notables of that district. The police chief for the al-Hindiya municipality, Mahdi Salih Kadhim, was also in attendance. Brigadier General Abbas, the Governorate's police chief was not present as he claimed to be ill and resting at home. Deputy Police Chief Lt. Col. Karim attended in his absence. The Bulgarian Commander, Colonel Marinov, and the representative of the Polish Brigade Commander, General Ojrzanowski were also in attendance.

The demonstrations had to do with the claim that the municipality's police and police chief were abusing their powers and were hold-overs from the previous regime and secret Baathist supporters. The citizens of al-Hindiyyah had submitted a petition requesting their dismissal, held demonstrations, the confrontation got out of hand and shots were fired. A police officer killed one of the demonstrators.

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I decided to suspend (b)(6) and the other nineteen other officers accused in the petition of

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being Baathists until we could investigate their background. I also instructed the deputy police chief of Karbala to send another municipal police chief, one who meets with the Qa'im Maqam's approval, and nineteen officers from the Karbala city police force to serve in their places. The Bulgarian force commander will assist the Karbala police in disarming the suspended police officers and the taking back their uniforms, equipment, etc. The Deputy and Assistant Governors will write an official decree confirming the decision within the day. The order is to take effect immediately.

Everyone except the (b)(6) was very supportive of my decision.

I will forward a list of the names of the officers affected by the decree to Hillah and Baghdad ASAP. They should be vetted carefully for Baathist backgrounds.

We shall also establish a committee to listen to the grievances that the citizens have against them. If they are clean, some of these officers will allowed to resume their duties. If not, they will be discharged.

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